



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

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AGENDA TITLE: Approve Rate Increases for Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard (KMT&G) for Legal Services Rendered to the City of Lodi (\$5 - \$10 Per Hour Per Professional).

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2009

PREPARED BY: City Attorney's Office

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Rate Increases for Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard for Legal Services Rendered to the City of Lodi (\$5 - \$10 Per Hour Per Professional).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The law firm of Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard has represented the City of Lodi in several matters, i.e. the ongoing Lodi First v. City of Lodi; Citizens for Open Government v. City of Lodi; various general advice matters, and in the past, assisted the City with PCE/TCE litigation.

By letter dated April 8, 2010 (attached), KMT&G has informed the City of rate adjustments that will take effect May 1, 2010. The new rate structure will result in an increase in rates of \$5 to \$10 per hour per professional.

It is staffs opinion that the fee adjustments are fair and reasonable, and recommend that the City Council approve the new rate structure as submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT: None anticipated because most fees are reimbursed.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

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Stephen Schwabauer
City Attorney

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature of Blair King, the City Manager, written over a horizontal line.

Blair King, City Manager

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April 8, 2010

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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City of Lodi
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Re: Rate Increase

Dear Steve:

This letter follows up our conversation of April 5, 2010 regarding an adjustment to KMTG's rates for legal services to the City of Lodi. The rates currently charged by KMTG to the City of Lodi for legal services are as follows:

Shareholders/Principals	\$190-\$250
Associate Attorneys	\$175-\$190
Paralegals	\$ 85-\$ 90
Paralegal Clerk/Law Clerk	\$ 65-\$ 90

Effective May 1, 2010, the revised rate structure would be as follows:

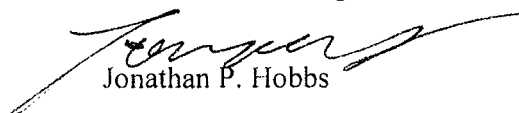
Shareholders/Principals	\$200-\$260
Associate Attorneys	\$180-\$200
Paralegals	\$ 90-\$100
Paralegal Clerk/Law Clerk	\$ 75-\$100

The new rate structure will result in an increase in rates of \$5 to \$10 per hour per professional. For example, my current hourly rate for the City is \$225, and my new rate will be \$235.

Thank you for your professional courtesy and understanding in this regard. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

KRONICK, MOSKOVITZ, TIEDEMANN & GIRARD
A Professional Corporation



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